

In the Claims:

1. (original) Locking device for a pistol (22) with a trigger (3), a trigger mechanism (4), and a firing pin (17), hammer, or the like, which is actuated by this mechanism, wherein the locking mechanism has a cylinder lock (10, 11), which is arranged in the handle of the pistol and whose locking cylinder can be turned with a key (12) and wherein a transfer mechanism (9, 8) brings a locking element (7) from a position in which it is located outside of the path of motion of a part (20) of the trigger mechanism (4) of the pistol, into a position in which it extends into the path of motion of this part (20), wherein the cylinder lock and the transfer mechanism are arranged behind the magazine shaft (21) of the pistol (22), characterized in that the locking element (7) and the transfer mechanism (9, 8) execute purely rotational movements.

2. (original) Locking device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (7) has a cam region (19), which extends or does not extend into the path of motion of the part (20) according to the angular position of the locking element formed as the locking shaft.

3. (currently amended) Locking device according to Claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the transfer mechanism includes a drive rod (8) and a sheath (16), which can rotate freely about the drive rod (8), extending over a significant part of its axial length.

Preliminary Amendment

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4. (currently amended) Locking device according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~Claim 3, characterized in that the sheath (16) consists of hard metal.

5. (currently amended) Locking device according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~Claim 3, characterized in that the drive rod (8) is formed on at least one end (8') with a
polygonal-spherical shape and extends into a complementarily formed polygonal-cylindrical
recess (7', 9') of the adjacent part, locking shaft (7), and/or stop piece (9).

6. (currently amended) Locking device according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~Claim 2, characterized in that the locking shaft (7) is supported so that it can rotate in
the handle piece.